IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Daniel K. Kirchhofer, et al. Appln. No.: 10/678,283 Filed: October 3, 2003 Title: HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR VARIANTS	Group Art Unit: 1647 Examiner: Marianne P. Allen Confirmation No: 3483 **Customer No: 09157** **Electronically Filed on 12-DEC-2007**

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Sir:

This document is responsive to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2007 for which a response is due on January 22, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action. In view of the discussion provided, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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